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DATE:

February 11, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

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Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Trader Joe's -Expanded Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED** 

**ACTION:** 

Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. Frozen Gluten Free Peanut Butter Cookie Dough (Sold in Trader Joe's stores Nationwide) 15.3-ounce (SKU 91167) because the products contain peanut butter that was manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Trader Joe's Expands Its Voluntary Recall To Include Peanut Butter & Chocolate Chip Cookies (Midwest, Georgia and Nashville, TN Stores Only) Vegan Trail Mix Cookies (Southern Cal, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada Stores Only) and Trader Joe's Frozen Gluten Free Peanut Butter Cookie Dough

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- (February 9, 2009) Monrovia, CA - Trader Joe's today expands its voluntary recall to include three private label products: Peanut Butter & Chocolate Chip Cookies (Sold in Midwest, Georgia and Nashville, Tennessee Trader Joe's Stores Only) 12-ounce (SKU 80871), Vegan Trail Mix Cookies (Sold in Southern Cal, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada Trader Joe's Stores Only) 12-ounce (SKU 22442) and Frozen Gluten Free Peanut Butter Cookie Dough (Sold in Trader Joe's stores Nationwide) 15.3-ounce (SKU 91167) because the products contain peanut butter that was manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the focus of an ongoing Salmonella investigation.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections



(i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web-site at <a href="https://www.cdc.com">www.cdc.com</a>.

As a precaution, in advance of this recall, Trader Joe's removed all three of these items from store shelves.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases of illnesses or adverse affects affiliated with these products.

At Trader Joe's we take the safety of our customers and the integrity of our products very seriously. Customers who have purchased any of these items (any date code) are urged to return them to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Service at (626) 599-3817.

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